



# TOWN OF BERLIN, MARYLAND

## Office of the Mayor

### *Press Release*

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## **Berlin Watching Hurricane Joaquin Closely**

*Town residents encouraged to listen to local news and prepare for flooding*

**(October 2, 2015)** --- The Town of Berlin is taking every precaution as it prepares for the effects of Hurricane Joaquin, announced Mayor Gee Williams.

“Our employees are aware of the approaching storm and have been put on notice they may be called in. Critical utility generators have been topped off with fuel. Our fallen tree response crew has sharpened its chain saws,” said Mayor Williams. “We are working closely with Worcester County Emergency Services personnel to keep an eye on the storm and the hurricane’s path of travel,” he added.

“As we have in previous years, we’ve rented large pumps to help with flooding. This year we’re also trying something new, we’re providing sandbags for residents to use. The sandbags have been placed at Burbage Park, 309 William St. and at Henry Park, located on Flower St. starting

this afternoon,” stated Town Administrator Laura Allen. “We’ll monitor the usage and put more out as needed,” she added.

Town of Berlin residents are asked to use the following tips as a guide to prepare for the probable storm:

- Make an Emergency Supply Kit, including flashlight and batteries, cash and first aid supplies and 3 days’ worth of food and water for family and pets.
- Have an adequate supply of medicine, first aid supplies and baby items.
- Make sure to get prescriptions refilled in case of an extended power outage or extensive damage to the area.
- Check to make sure all doors are locked to prevent doors from being blown open.
- Secure propane tanks outdoors, but not near any other heat source. Do not bring them inside.
- Fill the gas tank of your car and fill fuel cans for generators (make sure they are complete with carbon monoxide detectors and vented to outside).
- Have identification and documentation on hand, such as social security card, driver's license, birth certificate, and insurance information - home, car, and life.
- Listen to weather forecasts and predictions for possible hurricanes.
- Learn more tips from [www.mema.maryland.gov](http://www.mema.maryland.gov).

Before, during and after the storm, the Town of Berlin will be posting storm related information on various websites, social media outlets and through CodeRed, the Town’s emergency notification system. To sign up for CodeRed notifications, please follow the links on the Town’s website [www.berlinmd.gov](http://www.berlinmd.gov).

The Town will be specifically posting storm related updates to:

- Town of Berlin Facebook: <https://Facebook.com/Town of Berlin>.
- Town Website updates at [www.berlinmd.gov](http://www.berlinmd.gov).

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